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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 06 December 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The amendment deletes the paragraph of the specification starting on page 3, line 20, without any reasons presented in the Remarks section as to why such a deletion is necessary and as to why the Applicant believes such an amendment is directed to just a matter of form. In addition, the amendment indicating "Please amend the paragraph starting on page 25, line 18..." is improper under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 because it is not a single paragraph that is being replaced in this amendment but rather a number of paragraphs and in several of those paragraphs there are in fact no amendments being made. For example, in the replacement paragraph which starts as "String encoding:..." this replacement paragraph has no amendments being made as the underlining of "String encoding" already existed in the original paragraph of this in the specification.*

  
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